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**Maine Public Drinking Water Commission**

**MEETING #113**

**Wednesday May 4, 2011**

**9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Jellystone at Yonder Hill – Route 201  
Skowhegan**

**NOTE: Please park in the parking area next to the building identified as “Ranger Station”. We will be meeting in this building.**

**Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes, Meeting #112, February 17, 2011
2. AFM Fee and Collection Status
3. AFM Fee for SFY 2012 – Any changes needed?
4. DWP Financial Status
5. DWSRF Update
  - a. Alternative State Match options
  - b. 2011 Funding plan
  - c. 2010 DWSRF Report
6. Public Water System Compliance/ Enforcement
  - a. Annual Compliance Report
7. DWP Project – Reducing financial and regulatory burden – preliminary report
8. DWP Staffing Update
9. Drinking Water Commission Membership
10. Suggested Items for next meeting
11. Next Meeting – locations/dates
  - September 7, 2011 – Rome – Pine Tree Camps
  - December 7, 2011 – Augusta – Key Bank Building

# **Maine Drinking Water Commission**

## **Minutes of Meeting #113**

**May 4, 2011**

The Maine Public Drinking Water Commission (DWC) held its 113<sup>th</sup> meeting on May 4, 2011 at Jellystone Park at Yonderhill, Madison, Maine.

### **Present Were:**

**Members:** Harvey Chesley, Rebecca Laliberte, Robert MacKinnon, Allen York and Roger Crouse

**Guests:** Jim Willis (Maine DWP).

**Time:** Tom called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

### **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of minutes from the last meeting occurred, with one correction, which was to add Robert MacKinnon to the list of members who attended the Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Drinking Water Commission meeting.

### **B. RECURRING BUSINESS:**

#### **1. AFM FEE AND COLLECTION STATUS**

Roger discussed the current AFM collection status. The DWP has collected \$480,970 to date. Roger went over the five-year budget projections and reported that with the current fee schedule, the Drinking Water Program is stable until 2015. The Commission decided to keep the fees the same, at this time.

#### **2. DWP FINANCIAL STATUS**

Roger discussed how the Maine DWP is on track financially. The Drinking Water Program received a PWSS grant of \$930,000 from EPA. Overall, the DWP is on track for the current year.

#### **3. DWSRF UPDATE**

Roger discussed how the DWP applied for a \$9.4 million grant from EPA for SRF. Roger also discussed options regarding how to acquire the State match portion. The DWP is also sending out the DWSRF report for 2010 to all Maine legislators, utilities, and the Governor's office.

#### **4. PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE/ENFORCEMENT**

Roger went over the trend of public water systems incurring fewer violations. Although there is an increase in total coliform hits, there is a downward trend of MCL violations being issued. Roger stated that warmer weather facilitates more positive TC hits.

**5. DWP PROJECT-REDUCING FINANCIAL/REGULATORY BURDEN.**

Roger discussed ways to help public water systems reduce costs from regulatory financial burden. The DWP is looking at changing the current water testing schedule for new well approvals, to allow for more leeway for transient systems and waiving some inorganic testing requirements to every 9 years (instead of every 3 years), Also, the DWP is considering waiving some CCR reporting for systems. Instead of mailing to each household, DWP will allow some qualifying public water systems to publish the CCR in a local newspaper.

**6. DWP STAFFING UPDATE**

Matt Sica, the DWP's lab certification officer, is leaving at the end of June.

**7. DRINKING WATER COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP**

Roger stated that the DWP has experienced progress with locating a contact person at the Governor's Office, who may assist the DWC with appointing empty commission positions.

**8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Rebecca suggested that it would be good to hear more about geothermal wells, including licensing. Rebecca also mentioned that it would be good to learn the difference between open and closed loop systems.

**9. NEXT MEETING –LOCATION AND DATES**

Future Meetings for 2011  
September 7, 2011 – Rome – Pine Tree Camps  
December 7, 2011 – Augusta – Key Bank Building

**10. MOTION TO ADJURN**

Rebecca made a motion to adjourn. Harvey seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 10:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Willis